Update on IP and Technology Transfer Practices

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Public Domain / Open Source

- Allow researchers to place work in the public domain ... but not work for which patent protection has been sought
- Allowed if this does not violate any sponsor agreements/commitments, and all inventors agree
- Goal: permit open source software as a vehicle for technology transfer

Licensing Terms

- Predictable licensing terms
- Terms should be agreeable to the VC/ commercial community as well as Cornell
- Much narrower range that is tied to the industry sector as well as technology maturity
- Goal: speed up licensing process



Carve-out Policy

- A researcher, with appropriate approvals, can "carve out" a specific area of research for commercial activity
 - Today, this is only permissible for research that is clearly differentiated from Cornell work.
 - If this is done, Cornell will not claim IP ownership on patents/etc. in that corresponds to a "carved out" area of research.
- Caveats
 - The research that has been carved out cannot be conducted at Cornell even in the future.
 - Directors/Chairs and Deans will likely need guidelines to determine if a carve-out is appropriate.
- Policy is in the process of going through the University approvals process.

